

Fish Tales & Fly Lines

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE STONEFLY MAIDENS WOMEN'S FLY FISHING CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings Stoneflies.

Last month at our 2007/2008 transitional board meeting (that sounds so formal, really it's not) we discussed and then passed a motion to bring a vote at the January meeting on the following question: To change the name of the club from 'Stonefly Maidens' to 'Stoneflies Fly Fishing Club'.

I sent an email out and encouraged everyone to discuss. We had a quick flurry of email activity and I was glad to see people sharing their views. I hope the conversation continues at the January meeting and I still encourage that airing of opinions. Despite my greeting to you all (which is what I've always used) I personally don't feel strongly one way or the other. I think Maidens can sound a little old-fashioned, but hey, it's sort of an old-fashioned thing we do.

I would belong if we were the Ladygirls Flycasters or the People Who Fly Fish Club. Really. That being said, I do understand the arguments on both sides and invite everyone to come to the meeting and cast your vote.

We also drafted the calendar for next year's meetings and outings and I think we have some great stuff coming up. I'm excited for the new blood we have added to the board as well as longtime members who are taking on new responsibilities. As long as we have members who care enough to give their time and effort, the club will continue to grow and prosper. And continue our mission: Our mission is to create opportunities, encourage, educate, and mentor women's participation in the sport of flyfishing.

Wishing you all a happy new year and lots of fish in 2008,

Robin Healy
President

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR KATHERINE HART

This meeting we will be bestowing an honorary membership to someone who has been an invaluable friend and teacher to the Stonefly Maidens. When we decided to have a free casting clinic for women, we needed someone to help us pull it off. Since I was in charge of the first clinic, I decided that we needed a woman who was an FFF certified casting instructor. When I looked at the FFF website to find someone in the Portland area, I found Katherine Hart's name. I recognized it from a presentation I had seen Tim Rajeff give. So I called her, told her who we were and what we wanted, and she said yes...five years in a row. Actually she missed one year when a fishing trip out of the country lured her away.

Katherine taught us how to put on a casting clinic. She encourages us to be teachers at



Katherine Hart at the Casting Clinic

the clinic. She encourages us to practice, but above all she encourages us to have fun.

Katherine is a great supporter of the Stonefly Maidens. I feel fortunate to have her as a teacher and as a friend. Tilda Runner

THIS MONTH DECEMBER 12 STONEFLY MAIDENS: HOLIDAY PARTY

WITH
KATHERINE HART

HONORARIUM
& FLY SWAP

PLEASE BRING 6 FLYS TO
SWAP!
THEY CAN BE ALL THE SAME OR
DIFFERENT.

THEY SHOULD BE LABELED
AND WRAPPED
TAKE HOME 6 FLYS!!

MEMBERSHIP/TREASURER REPORT

We are ending the year with 52 memberships. We hope that all of you will want to renew your membership for 2008 and that those of you who have been unable to attend meetings due to scheduling conflicts will be able to make some meetings in 2008. You may renew your membership at the upcoming December meeting and receive a free fly. Dues are for the calendar year-January 1 through December 31. If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please update Barb or Jennifer. Minutes of the November board meeting will be discussed at the December meeting.

Barb, Treasurer/Membership

MEETING INFORMATION

We meet the second Wednesday of Each Month
Iron Horse Restaurant, 6034 SE Milwaukie Ave,
Portland, Oregon (503) 232-1826
6:00 pm Social Time
6:30 pm Business Meeting
7:00 pm Speaker



STONEFLY MAIDENS WOMEN'S FLY FISHING CLUB

An Oregon Council-Federation of Fly Fishers
Member Club

*Our Mission is to create opportunities, encourage,
educate and mentor women's participation in the sport
of fly fishing.*

*Our goal is to bring women together who share a love of
fly fishing and the beauty of nature to create friendships
and lasting memories.*

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CONSERVATION



Action Alert

Proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Threatens Columbia Estuary!

What is Proposed?

Energy speculators have plans for at least four major new fossil fuel facilities in the Columbia River Estuary that threaten the Estuary habitats that are critical for salmon and a broad diversity of native fish, wildlife, birds and plants. The serious pollution and public safety impacts these facilities would have also make these projects a serious threat for communities around the Columbia Estuary.

NorthernStar LNG terminal at Bradwood, Oregon

NorthernStar Natural Gas is a Texas based energy speculator that has proposed a plan to build what would be the first LNG import and storage terminal on the west coast United States at Bradwood, Oregon, which is about a half hour east of Astoria. The facility would import more LNG than was imported into the entire United States in 2006 and more than double the average amount of gas currently used in Oregon. The project would dredge over 700,000 cubic feet of sediment from the Columbia River, putting a large hole in the River right at the head of Clifton channel, a critical salmon rearing, migration and fishing area. The project would also remove over a billion gallons of Columbia River water (along with thousands of juvenile salmon) a year as dead weight in the ballast tanks of outgoing LNG tankers.

The project is intended to send natural gas to California to meet the large market demand there. California has rejected numerous plans for LNG terminals because of the safety, environmental and economic threats of LNG. While NorthernStar has denied it was trying to use the Columbia Estuary as a back door to send California gas, NW Natural, who NorthernStar has contracted with on this project, has now proposed a more than 200 mile-long pipeline that would take NorthernStar's gas across literally thousands of wetlands and other key habitats and over the Cascades Range to Madras, Oregon where it would connect with the California-bound TransCanada pipeline.

Because LNG is highly flammable a terrorist attack on an LNG tanker could create a fireball that is over ½ mile wide and burn for 20 minutes or more according to the U.S. Sandia National Labs. If the gas plume drifted before it ignited, the Sandia National Labs report that the blast could extend more than 1.5 miles from the LNG tanker.

LNG is methane gas (aka "natural gas") that has been cooled to minus 260 degrees to facilitate shipping from the Middle East, Russia and other countries where it is produced. It has much higher contaminant levels than domestically produced natural gas and has a carbon impact that is similar to newer coal technologies, given the long distances that LNG travels and the gasification and re-gasification processes.

PROJECT STATUS: The project is currently being reviewed by Clatsop County who is considering NorthernStar's request to change existing land use laws to allow the project. The project will also need to get state water pollution and air pollution permits from the State of Oregon and this is we need Governor Kulongoski to oppose this project and direct State agencies not to approve the proposed project permits.

TAKE ACTION: Please contact Governor Ted Kulongoski and ask him to oppose the proposed Northern Star LNG projects today.

Governor Kulongoski

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